

Remarks

In the specification, the paragraph on page 1 that begins on line 3 has been amended to reflect the current status of the applications in the priority claim. The paragraph on page 8 that begins on line 19 has been amended to match Figures 26A-26G. The paragraph on page 9 that begins on line 8 and the paragraph on page 9 that begins on line 16 have been amended to reflect the correct title of the American Tissue Culture Collection and its current address. The residue numbering at the paragraph on page 22 that begins on line 6 and the paragraph on page 24 that begins on line 18 has been amended to match Figure 1 and SEQ ID NO:18. Accordingly, these changes are supported by the specification as filed, and thus, no new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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